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Dear Editor:

On Veterans Day, let us show our profound respect and gratitude to the veterans of this great nation – America’s champions of justice and defenders of peace. These men and women have risked their lives defending the peace and freedom we enjoy in these United States of America.

These uncertain times remind us that our freedoms and opportunities come at a price. Our noble veterans have willingly paid that price without complaint, without objection, and too often without praise. Today, we give them that well-deserved praise and thanks. We also solemnly remember those who answered the call of duty and country, and never came back.

Today, those valiant men and women who follow in our veterans’ footsteps also need our thoughts and prayers. This new generation of Americans is defending our freedom and protecting our liberties, while working to ensure that other nations can enjoy these same freedoms.

Finally, we recognize our “soldiers on the home front” – the military families who so bravely and patiently persevere, awaiting and praying for the safe return of their loved ones.

On this day and every day, may God bless our veterans, our military, and their families, and may God bless America.

Sincerely,

Sen. Laura Toy